(c) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 18-10-89, Air India's Boeing 747 aircraft was undergoing maintenance in the hangar. The outboard wing jacks positioned below the wing of the aircraft were in an extended position. A Charge-hand without ensuring that the wing jacks had been lowered, permitted the operation of the flap system which led to the damage of the leading edge flap. The incident was investigated soon after, by the DGCA. Following the incident, Air India have warned the Supervisor and one Technician and Engineers have been advised to ensure proper communication with all concerned while operating aircraft systems.

(e) Does not arise.

Union to pursue violation of Aircraft Rules

614. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Indian Post, Bombay of the 19th December, 1989, captioned "Union to pursue violation of Aircraft Rules";

(b) whether Government have conducted any investigation on the basis of the said report;

(c) whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(d) if no, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) if no action has yet been taken, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (e) Yes, sir. The matter was investigated by the Director General of Civil Aviation and it was found that there was no violation of aircraft rules.

Air India—Loss projected as profit

615. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Sunday Midday, Bombay of the 7th January, 1989 captioned 'AI—Loss into Profit";

(b) whether Government are now enquiring into the financial irregularities shown in the balance sheet to project profits;

(c) if so, what are the details of the enquiry report; and

(d) if no enquiry has been conducted, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Accounts of Air India for the year 1988-89 have been verified and certified by two independent professional firms of chartered accountants and certified by the Member, Audit Board and Ex-Officio Director of Commercial Audit on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Therefore, no enquiry is necessary.